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SUBJECT: VISIT OF FOREIGN MINISTER MALIK TO SEOUL

1. IN BREAKFAST CONVERSATION WITH DCM, POLITICAL
AFFAIRS DIRECTOR DIAJADININGRAT MADE FOLLOWING COMMENTS
ON SUBJECTS COVERED DURING MALIK VISIT.

2. KOREA IN UN: MALIK URGED ROK TO TAKE INITIATIVE
BY ADOPTING POSITION THAT UN SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP TO
KOREA (UNCURK, UNC) IN PRINCIPLE NO LONGER NECESSARY
IN LIGHT OF A) ROK STRENGTH, B) SOUTH- NORTH DIALOGUE,
C) GREAT POWER DETENTE, BUT THAT UN PRESENCE SHOULD BE
PHASED OUT IN GRADUAL AND ORDERLY MANNER WHILE
UNCERTAINTIES ABOUT NK INTENTIONS REMAIN. AMERICAN
MILITARY PRESENCE, HE ARGUED SHOULD BE TREATED IN
SAME WAY AS TEMPORARY REQUIREMENT UNTIL CONCRETE
PROGRESS ACHIEVED. BY ACCEPTING OPPONENTS' OBJECTIVES
IN PRINCIPLE, BUT RETAINING CONTROL OF TIMING AND
METHOD OF ACHIEVEMENT, NORTH KOREA' S POSITION WOULD BE
PREEMPTED WHILE SUBSTANCE OF ROK OBJECTIVES IS
PRESERVED. MALIK COUNSELED AGAINST DEFENSIVE TACTICS
AND EFFORTS TO MAINTAIN STATUS QUO.

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3. REGIONAL ORGANIZATION: MALIK SUGGESTED ROK TAKE MORE ACTIVE ROLE IN ECAFE, WHICH HE SAID WOULD ITSELF BE MORE ACTIVE WITH INDONESIAN AS NEW SECRETARY GENERAL. HE DISCOURAGED IDEA OF ROK PARTICIPATION IN ASEAN.

4. REPRESENTATION: INDONESIA WOULD NOT FOR TIME BEING RAISE CONSULATE GENERAL HERE TO EMBASSY, INDONESIAN TIES WITH ROK WERE IN SUBSTANCE MUCH GREATER THAN WITH DPRK, AND POSSIBLY FOR GOI TO PLAY INTER-MEDIARY ROLE WERE ENHANCED BY MAINTAINING DIPLOMATIC STATUS QUO. (PRESS REPORTS MALIK AGREED " IN PRINCIPLE" TO OPEN EMBASSY.)

5. ASIAN DETENTE: MALIK SAID THAT WHILE TENSIONS WERE REDUCED, GOAL OF COMMUNIST POWERS REMAINED UNCHANGED, AND THAT KOREA NEEDED TO DEVELOP INDEPENDENT STRENGTH TO PREPARE FOR DAY WHEN COMMUNIST TACTICS AGAIN CHANGE. (ON THIS POINT HE WAS PREACHING TO THE CONVERTED.)

6. ECONOMIC RELATIONS: ROK RECEIVED INDONESIAN AGREEMENT HOME PORT ITS FISHING VESSELS IN CERTAIN AREAS IN RETURN TO ROK ASSISTANCE IN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT IN FISHING VILLAGES. ROK ALSO RECEIVED PROMISE OF GREATER PARTICIPATION BY KOREAN FIRMS IN INDONESIAN CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS. IN FORESTRY DEVELOPMENT ROK RECEIVED EXPANSION OF AREA OF OPERATIONS TO TWO MILLION HECTARES FROM PRESENT THREE- QUARTER MILLION. IN RETURN ROKG AGREED TO ENTER INTO JOINT VENTURE PLYWOOD MANUFACTURE IN INDOENSIA FOR EXPORT TO EUROPEAN MARKETS.

7. COMMENT: INDONESIANS WERE IMPRESSED (AS ARE ALL VISITORS) BY KOREAN INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, TECHNICAL COMPETENCE, AND WORK ETHIC; FLATTERED BY DEFERENCE SHOWN TO MALIK AS SENIOR ASIAN STATESMAN, AND STUNNED BY FIRE- HOSE FORCE OF KOREAN HOSPITALITY.
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